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REFERENCE:

- A. PUBLIC LAW 99-410, UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT (UOCAVA)
- B. PUBLIC LAW 107-107, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FY 2002
- C. PUBLIC LAW 107-253, HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA)
- D. PUBLIC LAW 111-84, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FY 2010 - SUBTITLE H MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTER EMPOWERMENT ACT (MOVE)
- E. UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 39, SECTION 3406(b) POSTAL SERVICE
- F. DOD 1000.4, FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
- G. DOD POSTAL MANUAL, 4525.6-M CHAPTER 3, PARAGRAPHS C3.4.6.9 AND C3.5; CHAPTER 10, PARAGRAPH C10.4.9
- H. MPSA MESSAGE DTG: 300420ZJAN10 (SUBJ: NEW MILITARY POSTAL PROCEDURES FOR VOTING SUPPORT)
- I. MPSA MESSAGE DTG: 221825ZMAR10 (SUBJ:2010 POSTAL STRATEGIC VOTING SUPPORT PLAN)

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REFERENCE D, THE DOD MILITARY POSTAL SYSTEM SHALL PROVIDE EXPEDITED MAIL DELIVERY SERVICE FOR THE 2010 GENERAL ELECTION. ABSENTEE BALLOTS OF OVERSEAS UNIFORMED SERVICES VOTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES COLLECTED ON OR BEFORE 2 NOVEMBER 2010 WILL RECEIVE EXPRESS MAIL MILITARY SERVICE (EMMS).

EFFECTIVE 1 SEPTEMBER 2010 OVERSEAS DOD POSTAL ACTIVITIES ARE DIRECTED TO BEGIN APPLYING EMMS LABEL - 11 DOD TO ALL VOTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST FOR THE 2010 GENERAL ELECTION.

2. APPLY LABEL 11 - DOD TO VOTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS COLLECTED AT OVERSEAS MILITARY POST OFFICES (TO INCLUDE AFLOAT US NAVY AND COAST GUARD VESSELS) AND DESTINED TO ELECTION OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES. LABEL 11-DOD WILL NOT BE APPLIED TO BALLOTS BEING RETURNED TO SENDER OR REDIRECTED.

3. THE JOINT MILITARY POSTAL ACTIVITIES (JMPA) DISTRIBUTED EMMS LABEL 11 - DOD TO EACH OVERSEAS POSTAL ACTIVITIES. MPOS MAY REQUEST RESUPPLY THROUGH THEIR MACOM TO THE JMPAS.

4. MILITARY POSTAL ACTIVITIES COLLECTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL SCAN THE EXPRESS LABEL 11-DOD APPLIED ON ALL VOTED BALLOTS. THERE ARE THREE METHODS TO SCAN AND PERFORM SUBSEQUENT UPLOAD OF DATA TO THE AUTOMATED MILITARY POSTAL SYSTEM (AMPS) AND USPS PRODUCT TRACKING SYSTEM (PTS).

A. MILITARY POST OFFICES WITH RETAIL CONSOLIDATION UNIT (RCU) CAPABILITY WILL CONTINUE TO USE THE IRT SMARTWAND TO SCAN THE EMMS BARCODES AND TRANSMIT DATA THROUGH THE USE OF MODEM OR BY UPLOADING INTO AMPS V2 USING THE RCU FLOPPY DISK. USE CORPORATE ACCOUNT NUMBER 223060 WHEN PROCESSING EMMS LABEL 11 - DOD.

B. POSTAL ACTIVITIES IN USCENCOM WILL RECEIVE BALLOT SCANNING SYSTEMS TO PERFORM SCANS OF LABEL 11 - DOD BARCODES, AND COPY TO A CD-RW DISK. THIS DISK WILL TRANSFER DATA TO THE AMPS V2 VOTING MODULE.

C. NON RCU MPOS WILL SCAN OR MANUALLY INPUT EMMS LABEL 11 - DOD BARCODE DATA AND THE DESTINATION ZIP CODE DIRECTLY INTO AMPS.

5. ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR SERVICEMEMBERS ON US NAVY VESSELS AFLOAT WILL RECEIVE AN EMMS LABEL 11-DOD HOWEVER, SCANNING OF THE BALLOT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED AT THE SUPPORTING OVERSEAS FLEET MAIL CENTERS AND POST OFFICES ASHORE.

6. ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE CLEARLY POSTMARKED ON THE DATE ACCEPTED INTO THE MPS. POSTAL ACTIVITIES ARE REMINDED THAT IAW REFERENCE E, ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED FREE OF CHARGE TO THE VOTER.

7. IAW REFERENCE D, BALLOTS MUST BE COLLECTED AND DISPATCHED AT OVERSEAS POSTAL ACTIVITIES NO LATER THAN 26 OCTOBER 2010 IN ORDER TO REACH LOCAL ELECTION OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES BY THE ELECTION DATE OF 2 NOVEMBER 2010. REMOTE MPOS REQUIRING ADDITIONAL DAYS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO TRANSIT TO ELECTION OFFICES ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ALTERNATE MAILING DATES WITH JUSTIFICATION.

8. ATTACHMENT ONE OF THIS MESSAGE LISTS MAILING DEADLINES FOR 2010 GENERAL ELECTION ABSENTEE BALLOTS. THESE DATES WERE PROVIDED TO MPSA THROUGH POSTAL VOTING ACTION PLANS OF SERVICE COMPONENTS AND MACOMS. POSTAL ACTIVITIES WILL ADVERTISE THEIR DEADLINE DATE TO THEIR SUPPORTED POPULATION THROUGH COMMUNICATION SUCH AS ARMED FORCES NETWORK RADIO OR INSTALLATION NEWSLETTERS. CHANGES TO ATTACHMENT ONE SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO MPSA.

9. MAIL CONTROL ACTIVITIES SHALL DISPATCH ABSENTEE BALLOTS AT THE EXPEDITED RATE TO INTERNATIONAL GATEWAYS IN NEW YORK (JFK), LOS ANGELES (LAX), AND MIAMI (MIA) DAILY. ABSENTEE BALLOTS SHALL ARRIVE AT GATEWAYS NO LATER THAN 29 OCTOBER 2010 TO ENSURE RECEIPT AT LOCAL ELECTION OFFICES PRIOR TO THE ELECTION DATE OF 2 NOVEMBER 2010.

10. MPSA WILL PROVIDE ONLINE POSTAL VOTING TRAINING FOR THE MPS THROUGH THE AUTOMATED MILITARY POSTAL SYSTEM (AMPS) TO INCLUDE NEW PROCEDURES DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF THE MOVE ACT. MPSA IS MAKING FINAL EDITS TO TRAINING MATERIAL AND TESTING AND ARE SCHEDULED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE MPS ON AUGUST 15, 2010.

11. NO LATER THAN 1 SEPTEMBER 1 2010, EACH DOD POSTAL ACTIVITY WILL DESIGNATE TWO POSTAL VOTING REPRESENTATIVES (PVR) IN THE AMPS VOTING MODULE. PRIOR TO DESIGNATION, PVRs MUST COMPLETE AMPS ONLINE TRAINING AND COMPLETE A TEST TO ENSURE COMPREHENSION OF TASKS AND PROCEDURES ASSOCIATED WITH HANDLING ABSENTEE BALLOTS. THESE PVRs ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCESSING, TRACKING, AND RECORDING DISPOSITION OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

12. ATTACHMENT TWO OF THIS MESSAGE IS THE 2010 POSTAL VOTING POSTER. JMPAS WILL RECEIVE POSTERS O/A 1 AUGUST 2010 AND DISTRIBUTE TO POSTAL ACTIVITIES ACCORDINGLY. THE POSTERS ARE TO BE VISIBLY DISPLAYED IN EVERY MILITARY POST OFFICE LOBBIES.

13. AFN IS CURRENTLY BROADCASTING A COMMERCIAL TO INFORM SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO TAKE THEIR BALLOT TO THE MILITARY POST OFFICE TO RECEIVE THE EMMS LABEL 11 - DOD. ADDITIONAL COMMERCIALS WILL BE BROADCASTED DURING THIS ELECTION TO PROVIDE VOTERS WITH THE APPLICABILITY, AVAILABILITY, AND USAGE OF THESE LABELS FOR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR VOTING AGE DEPENDENTS STATIONED OVERSEAS. POSTAL ACTIVITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO COORDINATE ADDITIONAL ADVERTISEMENT WITH LOCAL COMMUNICATION VENUES.

14. SERVICE COMPONENTS AND MAJOR COMMANDS WILL CONDUCT INSPECTIONS ON THEIR POSTAL ACTIVITIES TO COMPLY WITH POSTAL DIRECTIVES INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS FOUND IN THE MOVE ACT.

15. MPSA WILL NOTIFY DOD POSTAL ACTIVITIES WHEN TO DISCONTINUE USING EMMS LABEL 11 - DOD.

16. SUMMARY OF KEY DATES FOR MPS DURING THE 2010 GENERAL ELECTION.
A. 1 AUGUST 2010 - JMPAS BEGIN DISTRIBUTING POSTAL VOTING POSTERS
B. 15 AUGUST 2010 - VOTING TRAINING MODULE AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING, TESTING
AND APPOINTING POSTAL VOTING REPRESENTATIVES.
C. 1 SEPTEMBER 2010 - THE USE OF EMMS LABEL 11 - DOD COMMENCES FOR ALL
OVERSEAS DOD POSTAL ACTIVITIES
D. 1 SEPTEMBER 2010 - PVRS ARE APPOINTED FOR ALL POSTAL ACTIVITIES
E. 26 OCTOBER 2010 - DEADLINE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPATCH OF ABSENTEE
BALLOTS
F. 2 NOVEMBER 2010 - 2010 GENERAL ELECTION DATE

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